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SUBJ: WITHDRAWAL OF ROC PILOT AND ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS

1. ROC CHIEF OF MISSION MICHAEL TUNG TELLS US THAT CABLE HE RECEIVED TODAY INDICATES HIS GOVERNMENT IS QUITE FAVORABLE TO RETURN OF ROCAF ARTILLERY OFFICERS AND INSTRUCTOR PILOTS AND TO PROVISION OF TRANSPORT PILOTS. ONE UNCERTAINTY ROC HAS, ACCORDING TO TUNG'S ACCOUNT OF THE CABLE, IS ATTITUDE OF USG, SINCE US EMBASSY TAIPEI HAS MADE NO CONTACT WITH HIS GOVERNMENT AT ANY LEVEL ON THIS QUESTION.

2. THE GKR AMBASSADOR TO ROC, IN WHAT ACCORDING TO TUNG IN HIS USUAL DESULTORY METHOD OF OPERATIONS, HAS ALSO APPARENTLY MADE NO DEMARCHE TO THE ROC GOVERNMENT.

3. TUNG FURTHER STATES THAT HIS GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING SENDING COPILOTS AND CREW CHIEFS ALONG WITH C-47 PILOTS.

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THIS WOULD MINIMIZE LANGUAGE PROBLEMS AND AT SAME TIME

INSURE THAT AIRCRAFT ARE PROPERLY OPERATED AND CERTIFIED FOR FLIGHT. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT MODIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL AND IN THIS EVENT TEN CREWS WOULD BE ADEQUATE.

4. COMMENT: TO JUDGE FROM THIS REPORT, WHAT IS NOW REQUIRED TO GET THIS PROJECT UNDERWAY IS ACTION BY US MISSION TAIPEI TO INFORM ROC GOVERNMENT THAT USG APPROVES AND SUPPORTS. PER PHNOM PENH 9435, GKR IS TRYING TO GET MOTION OUT OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN TAIPEI. HOWEVER LET'S NOT WAIT FOR HIM AS REAL GKR DEMARCHE HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE TO TUNG, IN MAJGEN SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ' REQUEST (PHNOM PENH 9180). AS WE READ SECSTATE 169876, PARA 1, PRECONDITION FOR OUR SUPPORT IS GKR, NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY GKR MISSION TAIPEI, ACTION.
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